

Delaware



Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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September 25, 2006

Corn Harvest Advances

Weather conditions for the last week have been good for harvesting corn and planting **barley** and **wheat.** There were **6.5 days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 24, 2005. **Corn** for grain is 33 percent harvested, 10 percent above last week. **Corn** for silage is 97 percent harvested, 6 percent above last week and 10 percent the five-year average.

Soybeans are turning color and dropping leaves. The crop is in fair to good condition. A few farmers are beginning to harvest their soybean crop.

Apple harvest has increased by 7 percent with 49 percent complete compared with 42 percent last week. Fourth cutting **other hay** is progressing nicely with 33 percent complete compared with 5 percent last year.

Pastures are rated 7 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 55 percent good and 3 percent excellent. **Hay** supplies were 2 percent very short, 22 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

Item	This Wee	k I	Last Week	Last Year		verage 01-2005					
Field Crops			Perc	ent							
Corn: Mature	97		91	97		87					
Harvested for Grain	33		23	47		41					
Harvested for Silage	97		91	99		81					
Soybeans: Turning Color	54		44	76		52					
Dropping Leaves	35		29	64	64						
<u>Hay</u>											
Alfalfa Hay: 4 th Cutting	56		55	55		58					
Other Hay: 4 th Cutting	33		30	5	5						
Fruits Harvested											
Apples	49		42	48	48						
SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006											
	Topso	oil Moistu	ıre	Subsoil Moisture							
Condition by Percent	This	Last	Average	This	Last	Average					
	Week	Week	2001-2005	Week	Week	2001-2005					
Very Short	1	2	13	5	5	15					
Short	6	3	22	20	22	23					

84

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Beverly Clark Agricultural Statistician

Adequate

Surplus

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58

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland	week	Jan 1	Since Jan 1				Normai
Baltimore/Washington Airport	1.06	28.30	-1.36	80	56	66	-4
Frederick	1.12	29.50	1.12	83	57	65	0
Frostburg	0.63	26.22	-8.63	76	52	59	-3
Hagerstown	1.69	25.66	-2.19	80	54	64	-4
Mechanicsville	1.89	36.71	3.84	78	54	64	-6
Patuxent River	1.55	28.23	-2.54	82	60	69	-1
Ocean City	1.03	26.07	-7.29	76	51	68	-2
Salisbury	1.14	32.58	-1.05	80	47	66	-4
Sharpsburg	1.56	31.91	3.53	80	57	65	1
Stevensville	1.49	32.19	1.76	79	56	67	-4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.78	34.94	6.93	83	60	67	-5
Delaware							
Dover	0.59	29.17	-2.97	79	54	68	-4
Georgetown	1.35	32.20	-0.38	79	50	67	-2
Wilmington	1.43	35.96	6.19	80	51	67	-2

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date

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